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pe-riph-ery noun \pə-ˈrɪ-f(ə-)rē\

plural -er-ies

Definition of PERIPHERY

- 1 : the perimeter of a circle or other closed curve; *also* : the perimeter of a polygon
- 2 : the external boundary or surface of a body
- 3 a : the outward bounds of something as distinguished from its internal regions or center : CONFINES
b : an area lying beyond the strict limits of a thing

Examples of PERIPHERY

<the dogs are confined by an invisible electronic fence that runs along the *periphery* of the yard>

Origin of PERIPHERY

Middle French *peripherie*, from Late Latin *peripheria*, from Greek *periphēreia*, from *peripherein* to carry around, from *peri-* + *pherein* to carry — more at BEAR

First Known Use: 1571

Related to PERIPHERY

Synonyms: borderline, bound, boundary, brim, circumference, compass, confines, edge, edging, end, frame, fringe, hem, margin, perimeter, border, rim, skirt, skirting, verge

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